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SUBJECT- RANSOM AND RELEASE OF VICTOR SAMUELSON

THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE USE OF  
THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT TODAY'S BRIEFING. NO QUESTIONS  
WERE ASKED. BEGIN QUOTE

Q: DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT APPROVE OF THE PAYMENT OF THIS  
RECORD RANSOM?

A: EXXON IS AWARE OF U.S. POLICY IN THIS REGARD.

Q: WHAT IS U.S. POLICY IN THIS REGARD?

A: WE BELIEVE THAT RANSOMS SHOULD NOT BE PAID BECAUSE THEY  
LEAD TO A REPETITION IF NOT ACCELERATION OF SIMILAR  
DEMANDS.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF HOSTAGE SAMUELSON?

A: EXXON IS CARRYING OUT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE HOSTAGE  
SITUATION WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT HE WILL SOON BE  
RELEASED.

Q: HAS EXXON KEPT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMED ON THE CASE?

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A: WE ARE GENERALLY AWARE OF THE SITUATION SURROUNDING

THE SAMUELSON CASE. WE PREFER THAT EXXON COMMENT ON  
THAT SITUATION.

Q: HAS EXXON KEPT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INFORMED ON  
THE CASE?

A: THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND EXXON CAN MORE APPRO-  
PRIATELY RESPOND THAN I CAN. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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